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PLAN INCREASED TRADE WITH CHINA; EXPORT PORCELAIN, ER EQUIPMENT, IMPORT FOOD

SAYS TRADE WOULD OFFSET US-CAUSED SHORTAGES -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 3 Jan 51

Economic circles in Shanghai and Canton claim that the shortages resulting from US shipping restrictions can be offset by imports from the German Democratic Republic. Emphasis is placed on steel, machines, engines, motor vehicles, precision and optical instruments, mining equipment, and numerous other products greatly needed for China to realize her industrial program. In exchange, it was claimed that the Chinese People's Republic could satisfy import needs of the German Democratic Republic for antimony, tungsten, silkworm cocoons and soya products to the extent of 62,67 71, and 90 percent, respectively. During the past 2 years, German shipments to China amounted to 143.5 million Duetsche marks, while Great Britain's shipments totaled only 101 million Deutsche marks.

Chinese foreign trade authorities have instructed exporters to specify in their sales agreements foreign currencies other than dollars. Tientsin businessmen have been requested to take immediate steps to change dollar specifications in existing contracts to pounds sterling or Swiss francs.

RECEIVE ORDERS FOR PORCELAIN -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 17 Jan 51

Steady improvement in the quality of East German porcelain products, and the production of well-designed utility porcelain and earthenware have resulted in the procurement of sizable export orders. Numerous porcelain plants are scheduled to work on export contracts at full capacity up to mid-1951. Shipments will be made chiefly to the Soviet Union, the people's democracies, and China. Orders have also been received from the Scandinavian countries, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland, Syria, Lebamon, Egypt, Pakistan, the Philippines, Cyprus, and India.

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EXPORT LOCOMOTIVES TO POLAND -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 20 Dec 50

The first narrow-gauge diesel locomotives constructed for Poland recently left the people-owned Karl Marx Locomotive Plant in Babelsberg. Additional steam locomotives are about to be delivered.

POLAND ORDERS TRAIN LIGHTING EQUIPMENT -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 17 Jan 51

Poland has ordered lighting equipment for railroad trains from the East German People-Owned Gaselon Works. The order amounts to over 2 million rubles, and deliveries are to be made during the current year.

RECEIVES PHOSPHATE FROM USSR -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 9 Dec 50

In November the Organa Chemical Plant in Magdeburg and the chemical works in Oschersleben and Bitterfeld received 5,000 tons of rock phosphate from the Soviet Union.

RECEIVES GRAIN FROM USSR -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 20 Dec 50

Thirty-seven ships unloaded a total of 72,575 tons of wheat, barley, and oats from the Soviet Union in the port of Wismar during 1950. The grain was transshipped by rail to Sachsen, Thueringen, Brandenburg, and Berlin.

IMPORTS ESSENTIAL FOOD FROM USSR, SATELLITES -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenbandel, 13 Dec 50

In November 1949 the German Democratic Republic imported 8,579 tons of meat, 3,769 tons of fat, and 2,356 tons of fish from the Soviet Union and the people's democracies.

TRICHINOSIS CAUSED BY IMPORTED PORK -- Munich, Die Neue Zeitung, 3 Jan 51

About 200 persons in Brandenburg/Havel have become victims of trichinosis. About mid-December 1950 Brandenburg/Havel received a shipment of Polish pork, which was sold through the HO (free trade) stores and butchers' cooperatives. The trichinous pork must have been in this shipment. The pork had not been examined then, because only "immaculate foods" are shipped by the people's domocracies.

CIGARETTES TO CONTAIN IMPORTED TOBACCO -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 20 Dec 50

According to the <u>East German Legal Gazette</u> of 5 December 1950, cigarettes produced in the German Democratic Republic must contain the following ratio of imported tobacco proportionate with the cost:

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Price per Cigarette (Deutsche marks)	Imported Tobacco Content (%)
0.12	20
0.15	40
0.20	60
0.30	75
0.40	100

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